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Dental Board of California Restorative Technique Examination (RT exam) FAQs

Will Assembly Bill 1467 extend the RT Exam?

The Dental Board members and staff worked vigorously to get this bill passed through both houses (the Senate and the Assembly). All Assembly Bills such as the RT exam bill requiring 2/3-majority vote is on hold until the Legislature reconvenes in January 2004. Therefore, although it may be re-authorized, the RT exam legislation sunsets at the end of this year.

What will happen to the applications for the RT exam that are currently at the Dental Board of California?

The RT applications along with a refund will be returned to the candidates. The refund process normally takes from 6 to 8 weeks. The Board anticipates returning the applications and refunds by November 2003.

What can I do now?

You can:

- contact your legislators and express your support for the bill.
- look for updates to the bill on the website www.leginfo.ca.gov.
- consider applying for a two-year international program at one of the five Dental Schools
- wait for the results of the legislative vote next year

Please continue to check the Board's website for updates to the RT exam.